OPINION 1539

Conus floridanus Gabb, 1869 (Mollusca, Gastropoda): not to be given precedence over Conus anabathrum Crosse, 1865

Ruling

The name anabathrum Crosse, 1865, as published in the binomen Conus anabathrum, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2563

An application for the conservation of *Conus floridanus* Gabb, 1869 by the suppression of the senior subjective synonym *Conus anabathrum* Crosse, 1865 was received from Dr W. O. Cernohorsky (*Auckland Institute and Museum, Auckland, New Zealand*) on 18 March 1986. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 44: 21–22 (March 1987). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. An opposing comment by Dr M. G. Harasewych and Mr R. E. Petit (*Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.*) was published in BZN 45:51.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1988 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 44: 21–22. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1989 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes—8: Bock, Corliss, Melville, Nielsen, Savage, Schuster, Thompson, Trjapitzin

Negative votes — 14: Bayer, Cocks, Cogger, Dupuis, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Martins de Souza, Mroczkowski, Starobogatov, Uéno, Willink

No votes were returned by Gruchy, Halvorsen and Lehtinen.

Ride abstained. Cocks, Cogger, Kabata, Martins de Souza and Willink agreed with the comments of Dr Harasewych and Mr Petit. Bayer and Hahn said they would have voted for precedence being given to *Conus floridanus*, but they did not support the proposed suppression of the senior synonym.

The case was thus not carried.

Original reference

The following is the original reference to the name placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

anabathrum, Conus, Crosse, 1865, Journal de Conchyliologie, 13: 304.